

*The CASE of his Grace the late
Duke of Devonshire :*

*Or what appear'd on Dissection in the Cavity of
the Abdomen.*

With REMARKS.

THE common Ligaments of the Abdomen being dissected in a Triangular Form, and the Intestines remov'd to the left Side, the right Kidney, at first Inspection, discover'd it self encompass'd with a large quantity of extravasated Blood [which Mr. B. rashly call'd a Putrefaction of the Kidney] discharg'd from Blood-Vessels, wounded by some of the many Stones found in it, that were of an unequal Figure, and large as Horse-Beans.

This Kidney was extremely inflam'd and swell'd, which I take to be a convincing Argument that no Palsy had affected it. In the middle of its Ureter was found a great quantity of small Stones and Gravel, sufficient to intercept the Descent of Urine; but Mr. B. divided this Kidney with his Knife before it was taken out of the Cavity of the Abdomen, and by grasping it with one hand, whilst his other kept it in the Dark, it was impossible for any of the Spectators to see if any Urine was in the Kidney, and Ureter, above the heap of Stones and Gravel.

To prevent which Mistake [to give it no other Epithet] in the Dissection of the left Kidney, it was taken out of the Cavity with the Ureter entire; then the Kidney was forcibly squeez'd to compel the Urine from thence, but its Descent was interrupted by a prodigious quantity of Stones and Gravel, that lay in the middle of the Ureter.

Then the Kidney being divided, a considerable quantity of Urine discharg'd it self; many large Stones were found in it, and one of them was said by Mr. B. to lodg in the Pelvis; till Dr. S. showing some Surprise, the said B. contradicted himself.

There was found in the Bladder about half a Pint of Urine, which Dr. S. said must have been separated *in Articulo Mortis*; that is, when the Patient was under an universal Paralysis. But how such a great Separation of Urine, in so short a time, could be effected, when his Grace labour'd under a total Paralysis, I cannot reconcile with the same Doctor's Assertion, That my Lord's Defect in making Water, before his Death, was caus'd by a Paralysis of the Kidneys, which had disabled them from performing their Office of Secretion. But again,

Qu. If under a total Paralysis of his Grace's Body, half a Pint of Urine could be separated at such a juncture in the Kidneys, and from them instantly transmitted thro the Ureters into the Bladder, notwithstanding the great Opposition of Stones and Gravel that were found in those narrow Tubule, and they made narrower by the great Inflammation of the Kidneys; I ask, Why the same universal Paralysis did not equally serve to empty the Bladder?

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